(iii) Adoption of specialised technologies such as ERD, horizontal and drain hole drilling, scale removal treatment jobs & long drift side tracking of wells.

(iv) Implementation of new schemes of oil/gas development.

(v) Improving the recovery percentage from the producing fields.

(vi) Reducing R/P ratio of fields having high R/P.

(vii) Installation artificial lift and stimulation of wells.

(viii) Intensive and extensive exploration including in frontier areas and deep waters to augment reserve base

(d) and (e) During the year 1997-98, the details of acquisition of seismic data by ONGC/OIL/Private/Joint Venture firms were as under:

	ONGC	OIL	Pvt/JV
Onshore 2D	4568 GLK	1112 SLKM 359 GLK	1055.5 GLK
3D	11744 GLK	166 SQKM	—
Offshore 2D	1910 LK	—	527 GLK
3D	8244 LK	—	112 SSK

News-Item captioned "Ban Fails to Curbs sale of illegal LGP Cylinder"

2737. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-items appearing in Hindustan Times dated 2nd December, 1998 captioned "Ban fails to curb sale of a legal LPG cylinder."

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether massive sales of illegal LPG cyclinders claim many lives every year;

(d) if so, the number of deaths during the last three years, year-wise and

(e) what concrete steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The news paper article captioned "Ban fails to curb sale of a illegal LPG cylinder" in Hindustan Times dated 2.12.98 is regardinmg illegal manufacture of LPG Cylinders despite ban of the same by the Government and various checks and measures to curb such activities. The article highlights serious LPG accidents on account of sale of spurious equipment.

(b) to (e) No. case of illegal units manufacturing LPG cylinder for PSU Oil Companies has been reported. The following number of deaths occurred during last three years in connection with accidents relating to LPG cylinders and use of LPG,

Year	No. of Deaths
1995-96	44
1996-97	72
1997-98	45

Oil companies carry out elaborate quality control checks on each cylinder filled at the bottling plants. After passing all the quality control checks at the LPG bottling plants, each and every cylinder is sealed before it is loaded and despatched to the LPG distributors. Oil companies use aluminium and PVC seals to ensure that the LPG cylinder are not tampered with before they are delivered to the consumers. Many accidents, occur on account of unauthorised and irregular use and handling of LPG cylinders.

Stealing of Diesel From Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline

2738. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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